

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #82B-29 Building Date: ca. 18th - 19th ca.

Building Name: Cooksey House

Location: 16315 Tanyard Road, Upper Maryland, Maryland

Private/Residential/Fair/Occupied/Inaccessible

Description:

The Cooksey House is a one-and-one-half-story frame dwelling of three-by-two bays with a rectangular plan and a steep gable roof. It is situated on an unpaved farm road south of Tanyard road. The north (main) facade is three-bays, with entrance in the third bay. Two 2/2 double-hung-sash windows are in the first and second bay. The facade is sheltered by a shed roof screened porch added to the dwelling in the 1940's. The porch roof meets the cornice line of the main block. The house is covered with asphalt sheeting, and rests on wood posts, with the crawl space beneath the house enclosed by a brick foundation wall. The roof of the house, the porch and the rear addition is covered with standing-seam metal. There are exterior cement block chimneys on the east and west gable ends. The west and south (rear) elevations are covered by an ell-shaped onestory lean-to addition, constructed in 1948. The interior has two rooms in the main block and two rooms in the rear lean-to. Entrance is into the main block. There is new wood paneling on the walls. The door and window surrounds are architrave molding. Two upper rooms, reached through a door in the ceiling of the main room have been sealed off.

Significance:

The Cooksey House is significant for its vernacular architecture. Although greatly altered there is structural and photographic evidence that the building is an 18th century structure. Situated on a part of Mansfield, patented in 1663 by Thomas Truman, the property was owned in the 18th century by Gunder Erickson and later by his daughter, Martha Roundell. According to the present owner, the building was a girl's school early in the 19th century. It was held by Henry Chew at that time and there is no evidence of its use as a school, although this should not be discounted. The 259 acre property was acquired in 1910 by Robert Windsor, a farmer, and has been held by members of the Windsor family since that time. According to the present owner and based on old photographs belonging to the owner, the building had a three-room "I" house plan and large 9/9 double-hung-sash windows, flanking a central entrance on a five bay facade. The west room was removed in 1940 because it was deteriorating. An old photograph depicts the 9/9 sash windows, two pedimented dormers in the roof, rough lapped siding and an entrance door of board and batten.

Acreage: 2.57 acres

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Cooksey House

and/or common Cooksey House

2. Location

street & number 16315 Tanyard Rd.

not for publication

city, town Upper Marlboro

vicinity of

congressional district

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state Maryland

county

Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u>X</u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture	<u> </u> museum
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational	<u>X</u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment	<u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government	<u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial	<u> </u> transportation
	<u>X</u> not applicable	<u>X</u> no	<u> </u> military	<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name W.L. Kidwell

street & number 16315 Tanyard Rd.

telephone no.:

city, town Upper Marlboro

state and zip code

Md. 20772

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P.G. County Courthouse

liber #3246

street & number Main Street

folio 209

city, town Upper Marlboro

state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N.A.

date

 federal state county local

depository for survey records

Historic Preservation Commission, Room 4010/CAB

city, town Upper Marlboro

state

Md.

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Cooksey House is a one-and-one-half-story frame dwelling of three-by-two bays with a rectangular plan and a steep gable roof. It is situated on an unpaved farm road south of Tanyard road.

The north (main) facade is three-bays, with entrance in the third bay. Two 2/2 double-hung-sash windows are in the first and second bay. The facade is sheltered by a shed roof screened porch supported on square wood posts, added to the dwelling in the 1940's. The porch roof meets the cornice line of the main block.

The house is covered with asphalt sheeting, patterned to look like brick. It rests on wood posts, with the crawl space beneath the house enclosed by a brick foundation wall. The roof of the house, the porch and the rear lean-to addition is covered with standing-seam metal. There are exterior narrow cement block chimneys centered on the east and west gable ends.

The west and south (rear) elevations are covered by an ell-shaped one-story lean-to addition, constructed in 1948. This frame addition, set on brick and cement block piers, is covered with the same siding as the main block. Its three bay west elevation has an old nine-light window in the first bay and an old six-panel door in the third bay. The south (rear) elevation has 2/2 sash windows and a boarded-up entrance in the third bay.

The two-bay east facade has 2/2 sash windows flanking the cement block chimney. The steep pitch of the gable roof is apparent from this elevation. There is a beaded raking board along the roof edge of the gable.

The interior of the Cooksey House has two rooms in the main block and two rooms in the rear lean-to addition. Entrance is into the west room in the main block. There is modern pre-fabricated wood paneling on the walls. The door and window surrounds are architrave molding. Two upper rooms, reached through a trap door in the ceiling of the main room have been sealed off.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) local history

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Cooksey House is significant for its vernacular architecture. Although greatly altered there is structural and photographic evidence that the building is an 18th century structure.

The dwelling is situated on a part of Mansfield, a tract patented in 1663 by Thomas Truman.¹ The property was owned in the 18th century by Gunder Erickson and later by his daughter, Martha Roundell.² Roundell's grave, dated 1803, is not far from this dwelling, on the property at the southeast corner of the intersection of Tanyard and Croom Roads.³

According to the present owner, the building was a girl's school early in the 19th century. It was held by Henry Chew at that time⁴ and there is no evidence of its use as a school, although this should not be discounted. The 259 acre property was acquired in 1910 by Robert Windsor, a farmer, and has been held by members of the Windsor family, since that time.⁵

According to the present owner and based on old photographs belonging to the owner, the building had a three-room "I" house plan and large 9/9 double-hung-sash windows, flanking a central entrance on a five bay facade. The west room, part of the main block, was removed in 1940 because its structure was deteriorating. The building originally had a central chimney, between the center and the west room, and a west gable end chimney. The west chimney was removed when the west room was destroyed. The center chimney has been replaced by an exterior cement block chimney. An old photograph depicts the 9/9 sash windows, two pedimented dormers in the standing-seam metal roof, rough lapped siding and an entrance door of board and batten.⁶

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Cf. notes, item #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2.57 acres
Quadrangle name Lower Marlboro DMap 148 D-2 P.19

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Marina King, Architectural Historianorganization Historic Preservation Commissiondate September 1986street & number 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drivetelephone 952-3520city or town Upper Marlborostate Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM
Statement of Significance (continued)

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Notes:

1 "Tracts laid out in Calvert County prior to April 23, 1696," Prince George's Heritage, Louise Joyner Hinton, Maryland Historical Society, 1972.

2 "Early Land Records of Prince George's County," an index, History Division, M-NCPPC, Riverdale, Maryland; and will of Gunder Erickson, GC 2:769, 7 March 1728.

3 Stones and Bones, Cemetery Records of Prince George's County, Maryland, Jean A. Sargent, editor, Prince George's County Genealogical Society, Inc., Bowie, Maryland, 1874.

4 Land Records of Prince George's County, AB 5:480, ON 2:51.

5 Land Records, 61:122.

6 Interview with Nellie M. Cooksey, March 1986.

Chain of Title

Cooksey House
P.G. #82B-29

3246:209 9 Dec 1965 Deed	Nellie Margaret Cooksey and Albert Lewis Cooksey to William L. and Shirley A. Kidwell. For \$10.00 grantors convey a parcel of 3.7 acres and the right to use existing farm road.
Ad. # 16154	Thomas D. Windsor died intestate. Nellie M. Cooksey, daughter, Administratrix. 3.75 acres with 1-1/2 story frame dwelling transferred to Nellie M. Cooksey.
873:147 27 Aug 1946 Deed	Thomas D. an Lillian Windsor to Claude W. Boswell, 62 acres, acquired through Equity #13,869.
Equity #13869 10 May 1946	Real Estate of Robert Windsor divided among Thomas D. Windsor, Robert M. Windsor and Samuel L. Windsor. Alotted to Thomas D. Windsor, Lot 1, Part 1, 65 acres.
469:378 3-19-1937 Deed	Windsor and Luckett M. Windsor, 1/4 interest in 269-1/2 acres described in the deed from Catherine A. Isaac to Robert Windsor 3-9-1910, 61:122.
61:122 3-9-1910 Deed	Catherine A. Isaac, widow to Robert Windsor, 259 acres, part of a tract called Marshland - being all of that tract conveyed by John L. Turner to Catherine Isaac, Lettice C. Jenkins, Mary E. Turner, Martha A. Turner, Margaret D. Wood in a deed dated 1-5-1872, HB 5:440. This same property was obtained by John L. Turner from Richard Isaac by a mortgage dated 4-9-1868 and recorded HB 1:198.
HB 1:198 4-9-1868 Mortgage	By Richard Isaac to John L. Turner. Isaac is indebted to Turner for \$5000.00 and grants to Turner a part of a tract called Marshfield, containing 126-1/2 acres and a parcel containing 248 acres, being all the land devised by Joseph Isaac, dec'd. to Richard Isaac in his will.
WAJ 1:332 2-7-1866 Wills	Joseph Isaac to son Richard Isaac, 374 acres near Nottingham, being a part of Henry Chew's estate, obtained from deed of James W. Isaac trustee of William Isaac.

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FS 1:111
3-29-1862
Deed

James W. Isaac to Joseph Isaac, that property purchased from Richard Isaac and Grafton Isaac, their interest in the property as trustees of William W. Isaac, described in deed dated 12-7-1861, containing 373 acres including 11 acres of marsh land. Deed encumbered by two judgments of the circuit court for the November term, 1860, #365 and 366, worth \$9,896.00. James Isaac now selling to Joseph Isaac for \$10,000.

F.S. 1:16
12-7-1861
Indenture

Between Richard Isaac of Anne Arundel County and Grafton H. Isaac as trustees of William W. Isaac, and James W. Isaac. Whereas William W. Isaac purchased from Bettie A. William and Andrew G. William a parcel which Bettie owned in common with Sarah Jane Isaac, wife of William W. Isaac, by deed dated 10-2-1858 and whereas William W. Isaac, now deceased, devised all of this personal and real estate to brothers Richard and Grafton Isaac in trustee. Grantors convey to grantee a part of Mansfield, containing 124-1/2 acres including 6 acres of marsh. Also another parcel containg 248 acres in the same area including 5 acres of marsh.

ON 2:51
6-28-1854
Indenture

Thomas Bruce to Bettie A. Williams and Sara Jane Isaac. Whereas by Indenture dated 7-16-1829, in AB 5:480,81, Robert Ghiselin dec'd. conveyed to Thomas Bruce that tract of land on the left side of the road from Nottingham to Magruder's Ferry, which was devised to Ghiselin by his grandfather Robert Bowie in his will, that land purchased by Walter P. Cox from John Dorsett, the parcel conveyed in trust for Sarah P. Chew, wife of Henry M. Chew, during her natural life and after her death, to her children Bettie and Sarah Jane. The daughters and heirs are now 21 and Thomas Bruce is anxious to convey his trust.

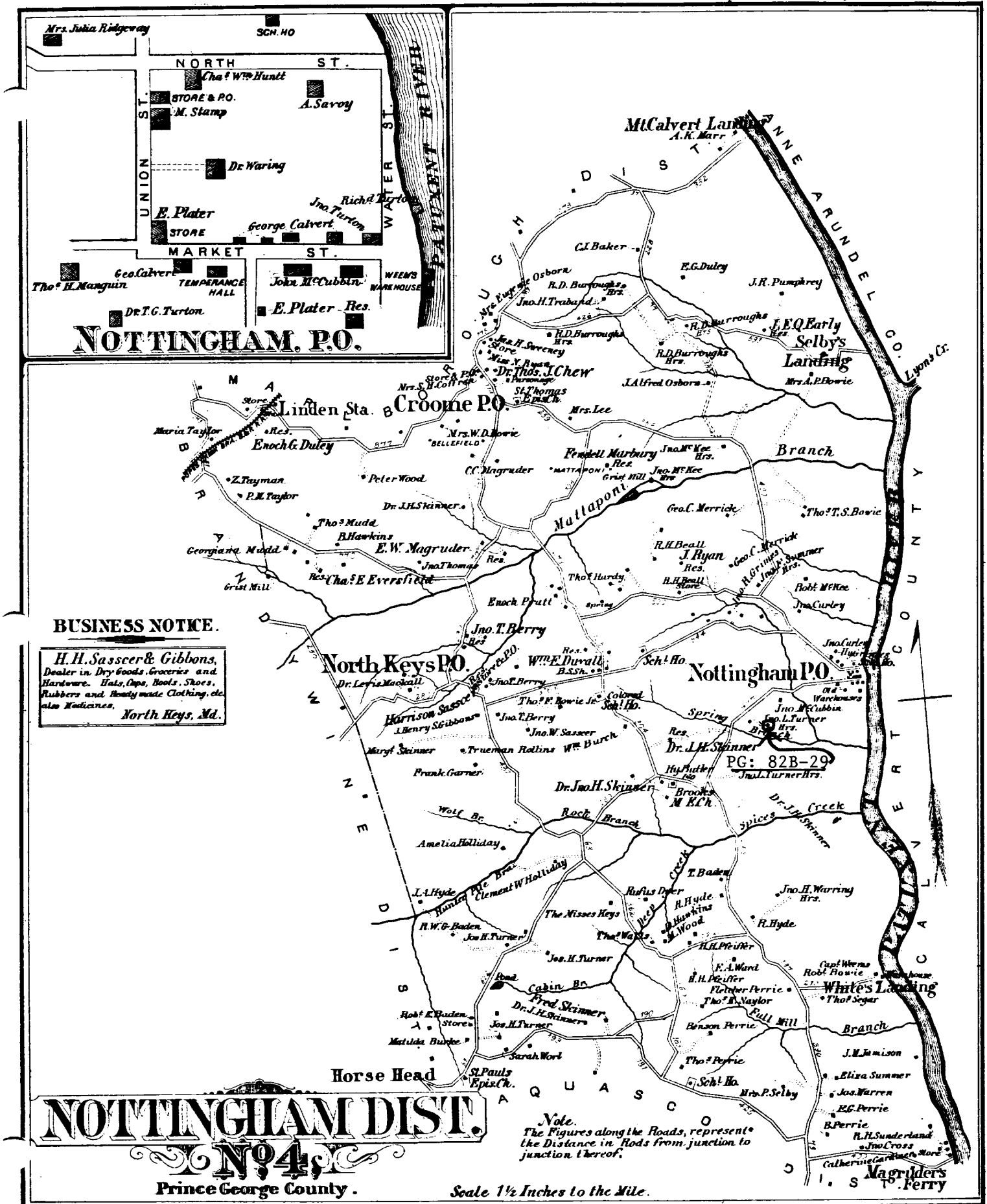
AB 5:480
7-16-1829
Indenture

Robert Ghiselin and Thomas Bruce, for \$3000.00 paid by Bruce, grantor conveys that parcel of land left of the road from Nottingham to Magruder's Ferry, the same parcel devised to Ghiselin by his grandfather Robert Bowie in his last will and testament and further described there. The same land was purchased by Walter P. Cox of John Dorsett. The parcel is to be held in trust for Sarah P. Chew, wife of Henry M. Chew, and her children at her death.

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FF 2:371
2 Aug. 1785
Deed

Martha Roundell to Captain Robert Bowie, merchant, for
100 pounds, two parcels of land. Parcel 1: Part of two
tracts, Mansfield and Collins His Comfort, being part
upland and part marsh - 77-1/8 acres. Parcel 2: Part of
Mansfield and Collins His Comfort - 19-1/4 acres.



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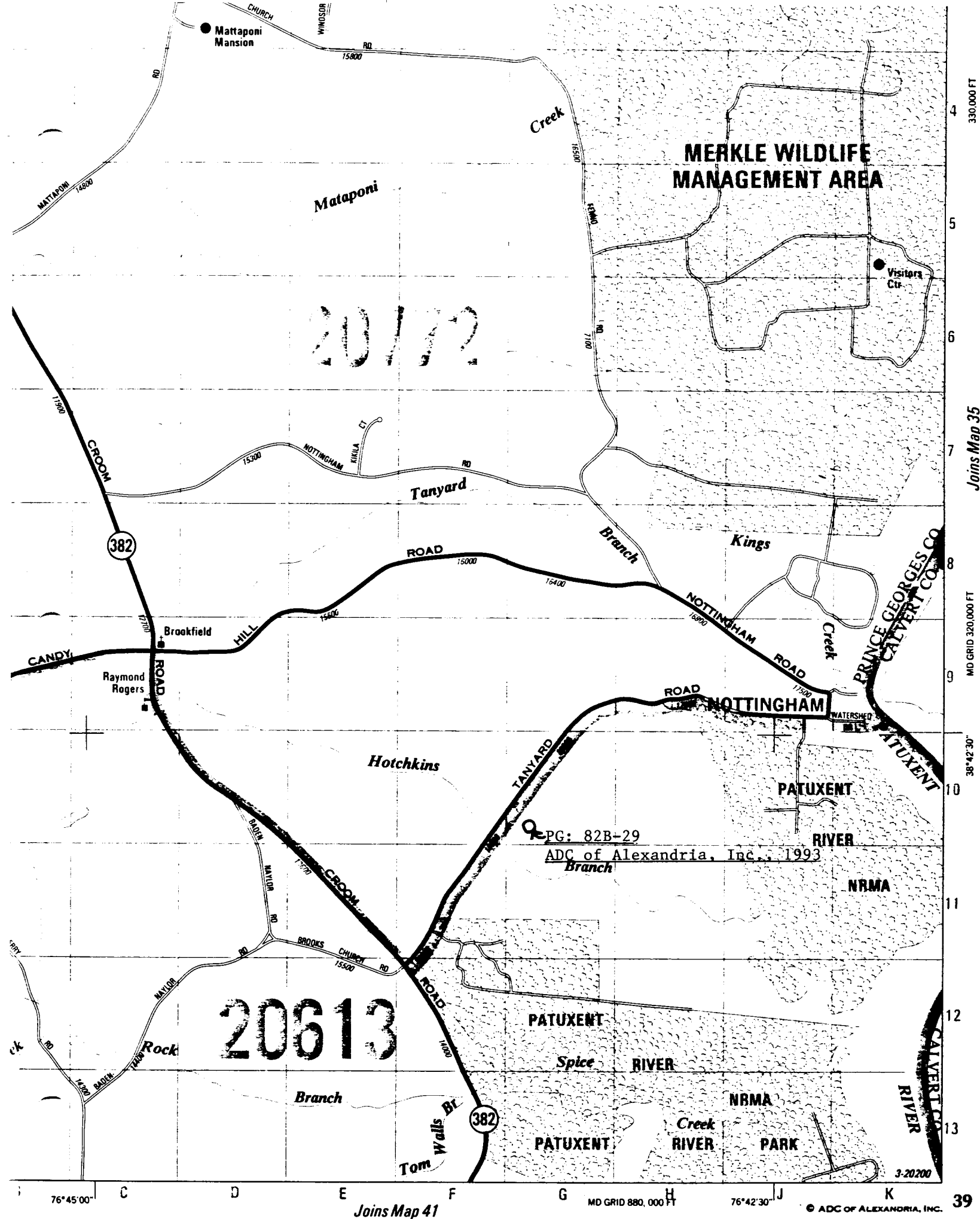
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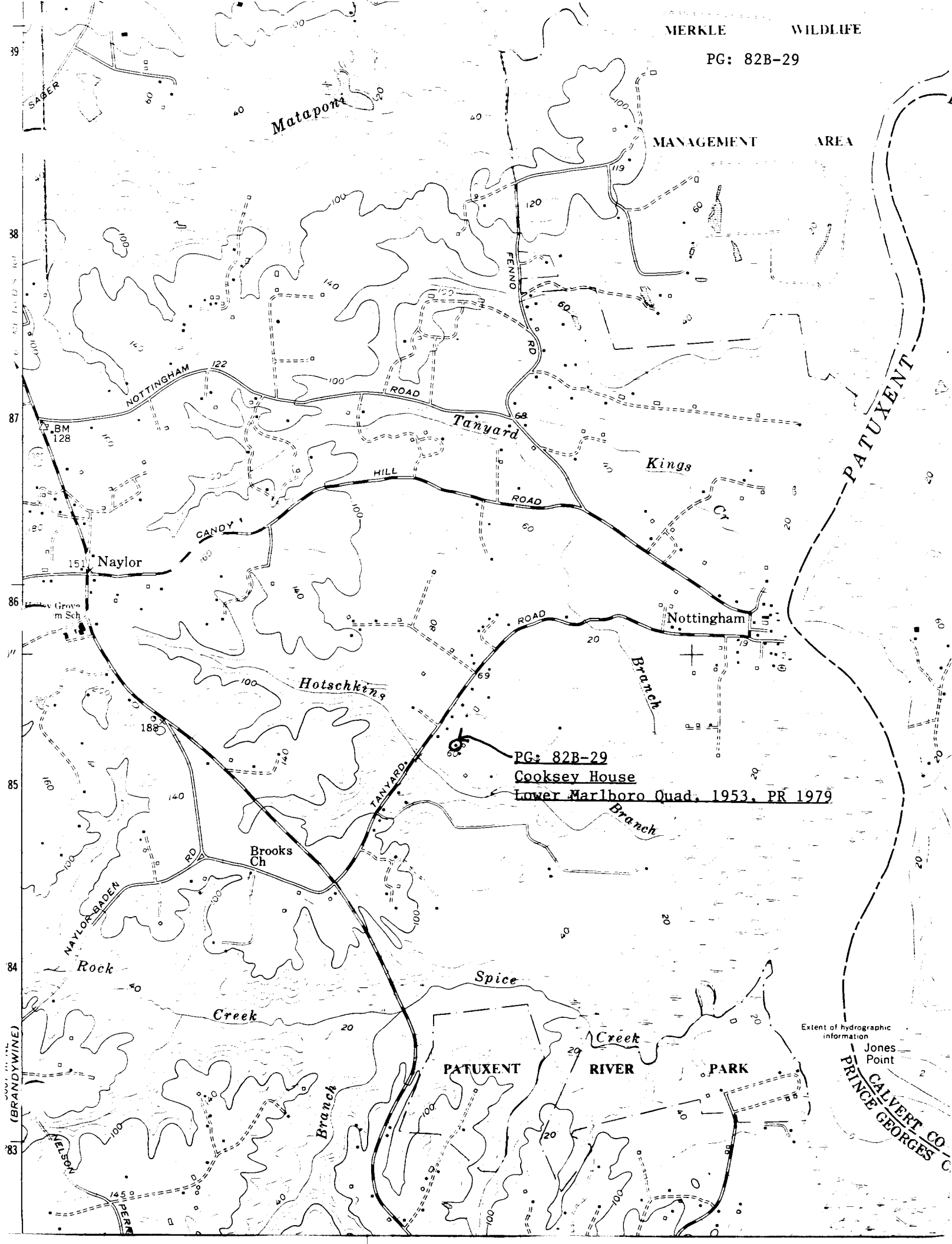
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North elevation
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